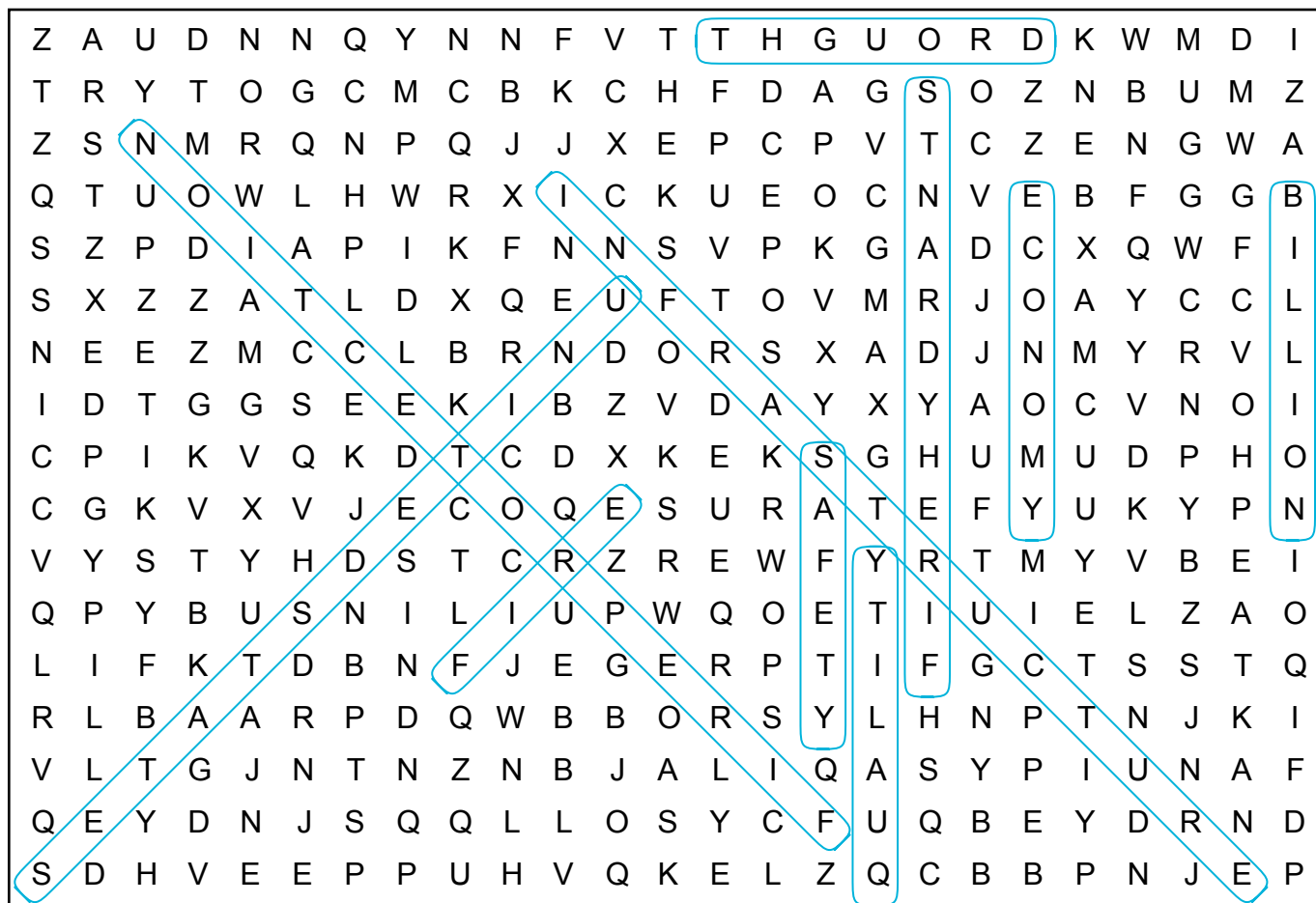


# ANSWER KEY

A stylized illustration of a pair of binoculars, rendered in shades of green and blue. The binoculars are positioned diagonally across the page, with the objective lenses at the bottom and the eyepieces at the top. The illustration is simple and cartoonish, with thick black outlines and flat colors.

A diagram of a fire hydrant. The main body is yellow with a black outline. It has a red cap on top. The words "drought" and "fire" are written in black text on the side of the hydrant. The hydrant has two side outlets and a top outlet.

drought  
fire



1. Our local water utility maintains *fire hydrants*.
2. A period of time with little or no rainfall is called a *drought*.
3. Pipes run underground and make up the *infrastructure* of the water system.
4. Tap water protects us against the threat of *fire*.
5. Safe tap water contributes to quality of life by increasing productivity and *safety*.
6. Water utilities provide their customers with a report on the *quality* of their drinking water each year.
7. Did you know the first water systems in North America were built to provide *fire protection*?
8. Only tap water delivers public health protection, fire protection, support for the *economy* and the quality of life we enjoy.
9. Replacing old pipes in the United States is expected to cost more than 250 *billion* dollars over the next 20 years.
10. In 2004, U.S. fire departments responded over to one million fires across the *United States*.

